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In re Application of: Edwards

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Title: SHRINKAGE OF DILATATIONS IN THE BODY

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003 in the above-identified case.

Claim 1 is amended.

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his remarks and observations.
2. It should be appreciated that Applicant has elected to amend Claim 1 solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In making